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Deadline For Election Fraud Lawsuit Looms

The deadline to file a lawsuit against the incumbents and Local 1000 is February 22, 2009. Although the lawsuit has already been written, CSEUnited is still deciding if they will move forward with filing and serving it.

The Statewide officer election resulted in the re-election of two incumbents and the election of CSEUnited member, Kathleen Collins for Vice President of Bargaining. "I really feel the incumbents had no choice but to allow Kathleen to take office since she was already denied the Secretary/Treasurer position after beating Cathy Hackett back in 2005," stated Arnold Zuniga, a CSEUnited activist.

The majority of members in DLC 747 suspect foul play after reading a report stating approximately 1/3 of the ballots did not have a postmark cancellation stamp on them. Furthermore, there were a large number of ballots that had a post mark cancellation stamp from Sacramento even though the DLC is located in the Bay Area.

In mid July, a letter regarding errors and potential irregularities was sent to Greg Sachs, owner of Intraform, Inc, which was the company in charge of holding and counting the ballots. A response from Sachs regarding this inquiry was never received.

Several members have stepped up and are now willing to testify regarding fraudulent election ballot activities orchestrated by the incumbents and/or staff receiving instructions from them.

This is not the way a democratic, member-driven, Union should function. It is our goal to get to the bottom of this and request a rerun, if feasible, as long as our members' interests are not harmed during these tough times.

Those who have more information regarding potential election fraud during the last Local 1000 election can email us at: mail@cseunited.org.

ALERT -CSEA's 2009 General Council Nomination Forms Mailed

The nomination forms for CSEA's 2009 General Council were mailed out last week. The due date for these forms to be submitted along with a candidate statement is February 9, 2009.

Under CSEA's bylaws, each Chapter or District Labor Council (DLC) is entitled to one delegate per every 100 members. These delegates perform vital functions such as electing the officers of CSEA, adopting the CSEA and Local 1000 Budget, approving changes to CSEA's bylaws, as well as voting on any temporary dues increase or decrease for Local 1000.

Once again, CSEUnited will be running slates of candidates for these delegate positions. If you haven't received your nomination form and are interested in running under the CSEUnited ticket, please contact us via email: mail@CSEUnited.org **UNITED**, we can make a difference.

All Talk, No Action!

On December 18, 2008, CSEUnited sent an open letter to Local 1000 President, Yvonne Walker titled, "Yes, We Can All Get Along." In this letter, CSEUnited reiterated that actions speak louder than words and requested Ms. Walker to appoint several CSEUnited supporters to the Budget and Agenda committee. The letter also requested that Ms. Walker support and communicate better with Kathleen Collins, Vice President of Bargaining, and allow her to do her job as she was duly elected to do. The letter concluded that CSEUnited's main focus is to look out for the best interests of the membership and will fully cooperate with Local 1000's program as long as it is beneficial to our members and as long as there is an avenue for our members' voices to be heard.

Within the next two days, two CSEUnited supporters requested to be appointed to the Budget Committee and another requested to be appointed to the Agenda committee. Ms. Walker has not yet responded as of this printing nor has she replied back to the open letter sent to her. So were you really serious about getting along, Ms Walker, or was that all talk and no action?

Who's Next? Local 1000 Hiring Cronies to Management and Staff Positions

In the last CSEUnited Newsletter published in September, we mentioned that Local 1000 signed a contract with Marc Bautista, a former officer, to become a Staff manager. Although they blatantly disregarded the rule that precludes any member of the Board of Directors from being hired as staff for a period of two (2) years, they held a vote to suspend these rules two weeks after signing this contract.

"Not only is it disturbing to hear Local 1000 is hiring their cronies, but hiring them to positions they are not qualified for is just ridiculous," stated Lisa Flores, a Bargaining Unit 1 CBUR and CSEUnited activist. "Our representation during Mr. Bautista's decade long term was less than mediocre to put it nicely. Having him now as a manager overseeing our Labor Relations Representatives just doesn't make any sense," Ms. Flores added.

So the big question now is, Who's Next? Will Ms. Adrienne Suffin, a Jim Hard loyalist like Mr. Bautista, retire from state service for a Manager or Staff position in Local 1000 in order to obtain two pensions? It's ironic that Mr. Bautista, who was very anti-CSEA during his term, will double-dip and receive a second pension funded exclusively by the Association. If this trend continues, CSEA will eventually be funding all of Jim Hard's loyalists, such as Blanca Rodriguez and/or Diane Ledebur, whom have been trying to put an end to the Association's existence for over 10 years. Now is not the time to ignore the best interests of our members with all the political scandal inside SEIU nationwide, as well as the take-aways our Governor has proposed.



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